

REMARKSStatus of the Application

Claims 2 and 4-18 are pending. Claims 4-15 are allowed. Claims 2, 16 and 18 are rejected. Claim 17 is objected to.

Section 102 RejectionsBamburg

Claims 2, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 as being anticipated by Bamburg et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,260,071. Applicants cancelled claim 2 in their "Response to Final Office Action mailed August 29, 2005. With this Amendment applicant cancels claims 16 and 18.

Ballard

Claims 2, 16 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 as being anticipated by Ballard U.S. Patent No. 4,226,327. Claims 2, 16 and 18 are now cancelled.

Allowable Claims


Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's statement that claims 4-15 are allowable and that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claim 17 as suggested by the examiner to place it in form for allowance.

Summary

It is believed that this paper constitutes a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed August 16, 2005, and an early and favorable action allowing claims 4-15 and 17 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney if

any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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